

**In the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.- 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A device for supporting a patient with respect to a computer tomography device, the computer tomography device having a mounting surface with respect to a floor, comprising:

a gantry with an examination aperture operable to receive a patient to be examined; ~~[[and]]~~

a height adjusting device mounted on the gantry; ~~and -operable to support a stretcher;~~

a load-bearing support arm operable to support a stretcher and connected with the height adjusting device such that the load-bearing support arm is adjustable in height, and the load-bearing support arm is rotatable about an axis oriented vertical to the mounting surface of the computer tomography device.

~~wherein a mounting axis of the height adjusting device is displaced laterally from an axis of an examination aperture.~~

10. – 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) The device of Claim ~~[[44]]~~ 9 further comprising:

a stretcher guide ~~mounted on the rotary bearing~~, the stretcher guide operable to support the stretcher for longitudinal displacement.

13. (Previously presented) The device of claim 9, further comprising

a stretcher guide adapted to slidably receive the stretcher, the stretcher guide connected with the height adjusting device.

14. – 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The device of claim 13, wherein the stretcher guide is adapted to permit a stretcher inserted therein to be displaced horizontally.

17. (Currently amended) The device of claim 9, further comprising:  
a second height adjusting device mounted on the computer tomography device,  
a mounting axis of the second height adjusting device displaced laterally from ~~[[the]]~~ an  
axis of symmetry of the examination aperture.

18. (Previously presented) The device of claim 17 wherein the second height adjusting device is operable to support a stretcher adjustably in height.

19. (Currently amended) The device of claim 17 further comprising:  
a second load-bearing support arm rotatable about ~~an axis through the second~~  
height-adjusting device; and  
a second stretcher guide mounted to the second support arm.

20. (Previously presented) The device of claim ~~[[47]]~~ 19, wherein the stretcher guide and the second stretcher guide are disposed at opposite sides of the examination aperture.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently amended) A medical system, comprising:  
a computerized tomography device having an X-ray source and an X-ray detector disposed within a gantry having an aperture configured for accepting a patient;  
and  
a height adjusting device operable to support a stretcher, the height adjusting device mounted to the gantry and a mounting axis ~~thereof~~ of the height adjusting device is displaced laterally from an axis of symmetry of the aperture.

23. (Currently amended) The medical system of claim 22 further comprising:  
a load-bearing support arm rotatable about ~~an axis through~~ the height-adjusting device; and  
a stretcher guide mounted to the support arm.

24. (Currently amended) The system of claim 22, further comprising:  
a second ~~[[a]]~~ height adjusting device mounted to the gantry and a mounting axis of the second height adjusting device ~~thereof~~ is displaced laterally from the axis of symmetry of the aperture.

25. (Currently amended) The system of claim 24 further comprising:  
a second load-bearing support arm rotatable about ~~an axis through~~ the second height-adjusting device; and  
a second stretcher guide mounted to the second load-bearing support arm,

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 22, further comprising  
a stretcher guide adapted to slidably receive the stretcher, the stretcher guide connected with the height adjusting device.

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25, further comprising  
a stretcher guide adapted to slidably receive the stretcher, the stretcher guide  
connected with the load-bearing support arm;

wherein the stretcher guide and the second stretcher guide are adapted such  
that the stretcher may be transferred between the stretcher guide and the second  
stretcher guide while remaining in continuous contact with at least one of the stretcher  
guide and the second stretcher guide.

28. (Cancelled)